

## State Representative Lawrence G. Miller

Dear Friends,

The 2006 legislative session was a beneficial one for Shelton and Stratford. Annual state grants for both towns are up from last year, including funding for local schools and road maintenance. In addition, several measures of importance to the 122nd District became law.

This year's transportation package, which I cosponsored, authorizes funding to acquire more passenger rail cars for the New Haven Line; for highway and traffic flow improvements on I-95; to expand the Bridgeport Intermodal Facility to support high speed ferry service; and to construct or expand stations in Bridgeport and New Haven to accommodate rail service and at least one other mode of transportation.

Supplemental special education grants for local school districts for 2007 also were authorized. The funding includes **\$79,489 for Shelton and \$181,162 for Stratford**. The grants are in addition to each town's annual Education Cost Sharing grant and current special education grants.

Shelton's annual state grants for 2006 - 2007 amount to **\$5,681,939**, for an increase of **\$142,342** over its 2005 - 2006 total of **\$5,539,597**.

Stratford's annual state grants for 2006 - 2007 amount to **\$18,849,755**, for an increase of **\$395,137** over its 2005 - 2006 total of **\$18,454,618**.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of representing you at the Connecticut General Assembly in Hartford.

Sincerely,



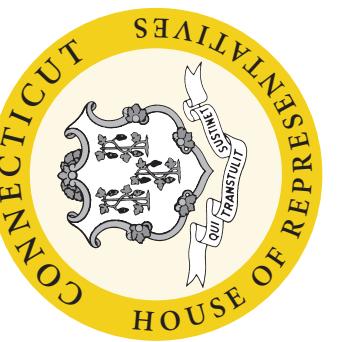
Representative Miller and Representative John Harkins, R-120th District, discuss proposals for reforming the state's affordable housing law.

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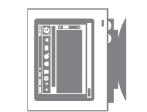
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# 2006 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



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**Rep. Miller follows debate on the floor of the state House of Representatives during the 2006 legislative session.**



### Protecting Your Interests

During the 2006 session, as always, I worked on behalf of the 122nd District's families, children, seniors and taxpayers. I supported measures to ease traffic congestion, spur economic growth and create jobs, preserve the environment and protect consumers.

### Creating More Jobs

Connecticut still lags behind most other states in economic growth and job creation. To help rectify that situation, I cosponsored a law that provides property tax exemptions to revitalize our struggling manufacturing sector and tax credits to encourage film production, which will help create thousands of new jobs in our state.

### Fostering Technological Innovation

I supported legislation to promote research in the growing field of nanotechnology, a branch of engineering that deals with extremely small electronic circuits and mechanical devices designed and manufactured at the molecular level.

### Nurturing Microbusinesses and New Companies

Under a law I cosponsored, the state will provide matching financial assistance for micro-businesses that receive funding through two federal programs, and venture capital for newly established or expanding businesses in the early stages of developing new products and processes.

### Business Advocate Office

I cosponsored a law establishing a state Business Advocate Office. The office will contact micro and small businesses that could benefit from business assistance programs, provide information about the programs, and help businesses access them.

### Encouraging Math and Science Proficiency

I cosponsored legislation that creates three pilot programs for certain teenage students to help them attain proficiency in mathematics and science and to prepare them for future employment with technology-based companies in Connecticut.

### Recruiting the Best and Brightest

I cosponsored an act that establishes a program to recruit eminent faculty and their research staff to the University of Connecticut and which creates grant programs to repay student loans for engineers and people who hold specific doctoral degrees.

### Umbilical Cord Blood Bank

To help people suffering from cancer, I initiated legislation that could lead to the establishment of an umbilical cord blood bank to collect and store umbilical cord blood, a rich source of stem cells, which can be used to treat blood-related cancers as well as several genetic disorders that affect the blood and immune systems.

### Protecting Long Island Sound

I cosponsored a law to encourage municipal wastewater treatment plants and private sector entities to reduce the amount of nitrogen they discharge into Long Island Sound.

### Clean Cars Program

I voted for a measure to establish a greenhouse gas labeling program for new motor vehicles starting with 2009 models. The program will enable potential buyers to determine which cars are environmentally-friendly, and which ones are less so.

### Fighting Drunk Driving

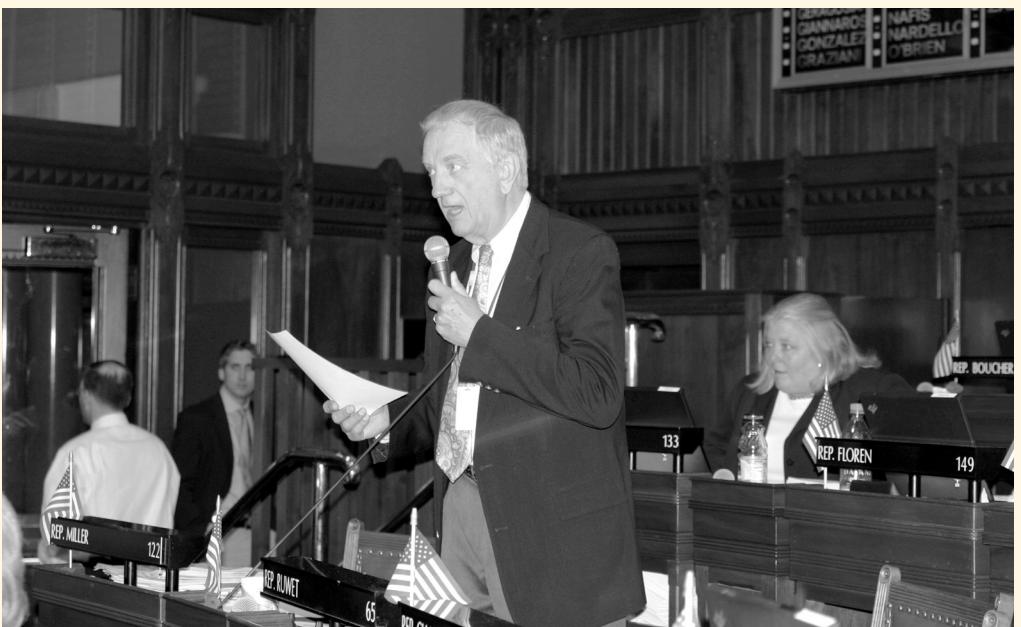
To help ensure convictions of drunk drivers involved in serious or fatal accidents, I voted for a law that requires blood or breath samples to be taken from surviving drivers if police have good reason to believe they were under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

### Curbing Underage Drinking

To reduce underage drinking and help prevent serious or fatal accidents, I cosponsored a law that makes it illegal for parents or other adults to host parties where the consumption of alcoholic beverages by teenagers and other underage drinkers is tolerated.

### Supporting Disabled Veterans

Veterans' disability payments will be excluded in the calculation of income to determine eligibility for income-based property tax exemptions under a law I supported.



Representative Miller urges support for legislation of importance to the 122nd District in debate on the floor of the state House of Representatives.



Representative Miller discusses a pending vote on the State House floor with Representative Len Greene, R-Beacon Falls.

### Property Tax Relief for Seniors

Municipalities will be allowed to freeze property taxes for certain elderly persons under a law I cosponsored. To be eligible for the benefit, homeowners or their spouses must be age 70 or older; have lived in the state for at least one year and meet the same income limits as apply to the existing state-reimbursed "circuit breaker" program.

### Breast Cancer Screening

I cosponsored a law that will require health insurers to provide added coverage for breast cancer screening if a woman is considered to be at increased risk for breast cancer because of family history, her own prior breast cancer history, positive genetic testing, or other indications determined by her physician or an advanced-practice registered nurse.

### Supporting Children with Cancer

I cosponsored an act requiring health insurers and the HUSKY Plan to cover testing ordered by physicians for children with cancer to assess the extent to which chemotherapy or radiation treatment has caused cognitive or developmental problems.

### Illegal Use of Scanners and Re-encoders

To fight consumer fraud, I cosponsored a law prohibiting the use of scanners to read information on computer chips or payment cards and using re-encoders to take information from computer chips or payment cards and encode it on another computer chip or a different card without the owner's permission.

### State Budget

I opposed the \$16 billion 2006 - 07 budget adopted this year. It exceeded the governor's original proposal by \$16 million and did not include business tax relief that would have strengthened the economy and created more jobs for the people of Connecticut.